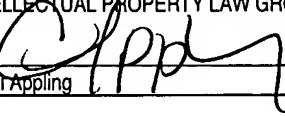
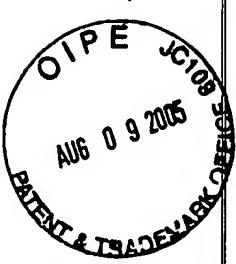


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service first class mail in an envelope addressed to:  
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on  
August 4, 2005  
QUINE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW GROUP, P.C.  
By:   
Chianti Appling

Atty Docket No: 402E-476112US  
Client Ref: P1077P1D1C1



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Ballinger, Marcus D., et al.

Application No.: 10/082,747

Filed: 2/22/2002

For: **HEREGULIN VARIANTS**

Examiner: Gamett, Daniel C.

Art Unit: 1647

**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6, 136,558.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.